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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT:

Mid-east Contingency Deployment Plans

- 1. This memorandum is for information only.
- 2. At today's meeting in Mr. Packard's office, Dr. Naka briefed on plans for deployment to the Mid-east. Dr. McLucas, Colonel Hartley, and Colonel Anderson (JRC) also attended.
- 3. Dr. Naka covered the plans with a minimum of detail. He did emphasize that the two U-2R aircraft slated to deploy were part of the CIA fleet, regardless of whether the mission was given to SAC or CIA. JRC will be the directing agency. Control of CIA operational missions will be retained by OSA.
- 4. The briefing definitely favored a SAC deployment although no firm recommendation was made. I do not believe CIA interests were adequately represented; however, it was not the time or place and I was not the proper spokesman to engage in a debate, so I kept silent, except for appropriate responses during the discussion.

5. I emphasized that reliable electrical power continues to be the main logistic and operational concern at other than USAF bases we could transport a generator of sufficient capacity by C-141.

JCS review(s) completed.

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6. Mr. Packard concluded that we had done our homework and that any decision should be postponed until appropriate circumstances require action, probably to be dictated by political considerations.

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